

MUTINY SURVIVOR HERE, GIVES FIRST STORY OF MURDER

John Churchler Narrates
Fatal Fight on Potomac.

HIS HEAD IN BANDAGES

Removed to Providence Hospital
Where Injuries Are Dressed.

Lying on a cot aboard steamer City of Milford, Victim Tells of Events Leading Up to Tragedy. Blaming Captain of Ill-fated Bugeye for Trouble—Body of Cook Recovered. Lying Parties Called Off.

Lying on a cot on board the steamer City of Milford, John Adams Churchler, of Frederick, Md., one of the crew of the bugeye Irene Ruth, yesterday told a representative of The Washington Herald the story of one of the most sensational mutinies and murders that has occurred in the waters around the Eastern section of the country for the last twenty years.

Churchler was brought to this city from Colonial Beach, where he had spent the night at Emergency Hospital, after having been beaten over the head with a monkey-wrench and a marlin spike. When seen on the steamship, his head was swathed in bandages, and the pillow on which it rested was covered with blood.

REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.
He was one of the victims of the mutiny that occurred on the Irene Ruth while she was lying in the Lower Potomac River. Immediately after telling of the fight on the bugeye, Churchler lapsed into a comatose state and was shortly after removed to Providence Hospital, where his many injuries were dressed and he was placed in bed.

The trip from Baltimore went along all right until we came up into the Potomac, said Churchler. It was then that Capt. Allen started to boss the boys and curse them. Finally, one of the crew—I do not know his name—became disgusted, and placing his clothes on top of his head, Friday night, he plunged into the river and started to swim for shore. Before he had gone far he became tired and then struck out for another spot but which was not far away from his boat.

Captain Becomes Furious.
"The captain of that boat was a friend of Allen's, and he placed the man in front and sent him back to the Irene Ruth. When Allen found that the man tried to get away he became furious, and after removing the man from the boat he had him locked in a room. On Saturday he went to the room and cursed and hit the man, who at that time had had nothing to eat for nearly twenty-four hours. The pair came on deck a little later and the captain began to trade again."

Here the injured man placed his hands to his head and, moaning loudly, asked that he be hurried to a hospital, where he might be given attention. He was assured that he would soon be on his way, whereupon he continued with his story.

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HER LOVE SPURNED, GIRL TRIES TO DIE

Swallows Contents of Bottle
After Quarrel in Street.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Enamored of a man who spurned her affections, Irene Fields, a handsome young woman, attempted to end her life after a quarrel with the man by taking the contents of a bottle of iodine on the street today.

The man, alarmed at the girl's action, called for police assistance, and the girl was taken to a hospital, where her life was saved.

WAS OF NOTED FAMILY.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Cauthorn Granddaughter of Commodore Allen.
Ellison City, Md., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Elizabeth Wayman Cauthorn, who died this week at her country home, "Greenacre," near Catonsville, Howard County, in her seventy-eighth year, was the daughter of John Warfield Wayman and Margaret Allen, and the granddaughter of Commodore Solomon Allen of the United States Navy. The Waymans owned a large tract of land in this county near Poplar Springs and married into the family of Gen. John Thomas Hood, who has many descendants in this country.

Through Commodore Allen, the late Mrs. Cauthorn was closely related to the French family of Pacault (later Pacas), who formerly owned the fine "Hugue estate" near Spikesville. Mr. Cauthorn was related to the O'Donnells, of Baltimore, and the Inlains, of New York.

In December, 1901, Elizabeth Wayman was married to Pearson Tyler Cauthorn, of Essex County, Va.

Mrs. Cauthorn was active up to the time of her death, which was caused by a sudden attack of acute indigestion following the sudden death of her son, Richard Lee Cauthorn, the day before. She is survived by five children, John Tyler, Daniel Webster, Charles Wayman, Margaret, and Ida Virginia Cauthorn, of this county.

ST. BERNARD PUPPY SAVES BOY AND GIRL

Family Pet Rescues Children
Who Broke Through Ice.

New York, Jan. 29.—Rex, an overgrown St. Bernard puppy, owned by David Wilson, a farmer of Bogota, N. J., saved the lives of Wilson's two children Saturday night.

Harry Wilson, twelve years old, and Grace, nine years old, fell through the ice on a small pond back of the Wilson farm. Rex jumped in and pulled first the boy and then the girl ashore.

Both children had swallowed a quantity of water and were helpless for a time. As soon as he had them ashore the dog ran to the farmhouse and faced their father.

Miss Marks and Miss Clayton are so badly hurt that they may die. The injured are all at Vassar Hospital.

TROOPS TO GUARD MEXICAN FRONTIER

Concentration Along the Rio
Grande Ordered at Once.

Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Jan. 29.—The largest concentration of American troops on the Rio Grande frontier that has taken place for twenty years will be in effect within the next week or ten days. Not only will the six remaining troops of the Third Cavalry at Fort Sam Houston be distributed along the frontier, but two troops of the same cavalry will be sent to the border from Fort Winifred, N. Mex. Detachments of troops from Fort Clark and Fort Bliss have also been ordered into the field for patrol duty.

There are already four troops of cavalry on the border.

Stanley W. Finch, chief examiner of the Department of Justice, will arrive in San Antonio tomorrow from Washington, and will take personal charge of a large force of secret service men who will be distributed along the border to prevent the smuggling of arms and ammunition into Mexico. It is reported that this sudden activity by the War Department was caused by positive representations made by the Mexican government that the revolutionists are obtaining their supplies of arms and ammunition from this side of the border through well-organized gangs of smugglers and agents.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair and colder to-day; to-morrow, fair; high westerly winds.

Water Shut Off for Governor.
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 29.—Gov. Harmon is out of water at his home. Yesterday an inspector went there and turned off the water. The department notified the governor several weeks ago that he must pay for his meter. No notice was taken by him. Other warnings followed without effect. So yesterday the department ordered the water shut off.

HERE'S MY HALF.



CAPITAL PLEASURE PARK SOON TO BE A REALITY

Monster Municipal Reserve Abutting River to Be Unexcelled by Any in the World.

A three-mile pleasure ground at the water's edge for Washington, and incidentally the finest park in the world, is close to realization, according to plans in possession of the officials in charge of the beautification of the Nation's Capital.

Lower Potomac Park, comprising the peninsula which lies between Washington channel and the Potomac, will be brought to grade with the completion of the channel-dredging work which is now in progress.

WILL BE UNRIVALED.
Thereupon will be pushed the elaboration of the scheme of the big park to the Potomac, which, on completion, will total more than 1,000 acres in extent, and outflank the finest municipal preserves in Europe, not even basing the Bois de Boulogne at Paris, Hyde Park at London, and the Tiergarten at Berlin. The recently reclaimed Potomac Park, lying west of the Long Bridge, and along the Potomac, is but the nucleus of the plan as it lies at present.

In the center of the preserve will be worked out the idea which took root in Washington, but recently an immense stadium where 2,000 people may witness such great open-air events as the annual Army and Navy football game, and other national gatherings of field sportsmen. It can be stated definitely that the War Department has tabored the plan of erecting a temporary stadium this year in the Ellipse for the Army and Navy game, but has come forward with the better plan for a permanent amphitheater in the new park, which will be large enough even to accommodate racing events.

Mid-Straightaway Course.
In addition to an immense stadium, the new park will contain a mile straightaway course for speeding horses and automobiles; diamonds for the accommodation of every baseball league in the city; grounds for polo, tennis, cricket, and croquet; beautiful woods for picnicking; bridge paths for the devotees of horseback riding; band stands with surrounding seats accommodations for multitudes, and many other institutions for the free use of pleasure-seeking, fresh air-loving citizens of the Capital of the United States.

Eighteen hundred thousand yards of filling material will be pumped from the Washington channel and the Potomac onto the low-lying flats of the lower peninsula within the next few months. The sum of \$100,000 was placed at the disposal of the army engineers last year for this work. The retaining walls of the locality are now under construction.

Tentative plans place the new stadium at the upper end of the peninsula, close to the railroad and bridge embankments, and in a position relative to that of the Capitol Building. It is recognized that this point will be convenient to trolley and train transportation, and that convenient parking facilities for special trains are afforded, both on the District and the Virginia side of the river. Stands are in contemplation sufficiently large to accommodate the greatest throng that could possibly wish to attend a national sporting event.

CONNAUGHT NAMED GOVERNOR GENERAL

Duke and Duchess to Come
to Canada in Fall.

London, Jan. 29.—The appointment of the Duke of Connaught as governor general of Canada is officially announced. The duchess will accompany him to Montreal. He will enter upon the office in September, and "will hold the appointment for two years, which may be subject to a further extension," the announcement says.

Among the renewed editorial expressions of approval of the duke's appointment, that of the Morning Post is noteworthy. It says the appointment marks the final stage of the evolution of the Dominion from a colony into a nation of equal status with the United Kingdom and constitutionally connected with it by no other tie than allegiance to a common sovereign.

It will doubtless be argued that there is now no reason in theory, excluding tradition and convenience, why the king should not reside in Canada and delegate his duties in the United Kingdom to a distinguished member of his house. Some such development might, if the empire holds together, occur fifty years hence when the Dominion will probably outgrow Great Britain in population and power, without any constitutional innovation on the principle established by the Duke of Connaught's appointment.

The Standard thinks it is conceivable to detect in the appointment of the Duke of Connaught a stroke of royal statecraft designed to counteract the possibility of serious effects of the commercial approximation of the Dominion and the United States and to remedy some of the mischief wrought by fiscal perversity.

Meanwhile, the free trade papers are very happy. The agreement, says the Chronicle, is the greatest single step toward free trade of our generation. It helps to bring nearer to realization the great ideal of an alliance between the United States and Great Britain in which resides the best hope for the peace and progress of mankind.

19-YEAR-OLD BOY IS 21 YEARS OLD

Judge Confers Legal Majority
on Youth in Kansas.

Kansas City, Jan. 29.—Legally, John Toman, nineteen years old, is twenty-one. Judge E. L. Fisher, of the District Court of Wyandotte County, Kan., added two years to the boy's age by law in order that he might take a civil service examination.

Toman is a veterinarian. He decided to seek a place in the United States Department of Animal Industry, but on account of being a minor he was barred from the examination.

The boy went before Judge Fisher, explained that he was the sole support of his mother and five children, and mentioned his ambition. The rights of majority were then conferred on him.

NEW TRAFFIC RULES FOR CITY STREETS

Commissioners Turn Proposed Regulations
Over to Maj. Richard Sylvester.

LAWS IN DISTRICT ARE BADLY NEEDED

William Phelps Eno, Well-known Expert, Believes the
Conditions in District Demand Code—
Ordinances Tentatively Approved.

An entire new set of regulations governing nearly every phase of traffic in Washington streets have been submitted to the District Commissioners, who have turned them over to Maj. Sylvester. These rules of the road, it is understood, have been tentatively approved.

The new laws have been devised by William Phelps Eno, the well-known Washington citizen and author of the present excellent traffic regulations of New York and Paris, with the assistance of the superintendent of police.

STRICT RULE NEEDED.
"The assertion may seem strange to a great many, but it is a fact that the generous width of Washington's streets and the ordinarily well-scattered travel of vehicles and automobiles make a set of carefully drawn traffic regulations for the Nation's Capital almost a necessity," said Mr. Eno yesterday in conversation with a representative of The Washington Herald.

"Ordinarily," continued Mr. Eno, "it is a congested condition of a city's streets, which requires that the constant supervision of the police department be enforced, not only to insure the safety of pedestrians, but to obviate the occurrence of collisions and annoying blockades of vehicles in the roadway."

"In Washington the need of traffic regulations remains, but for the opposite reason. Wide avenues and comparatively uncongested thoroughfares are the breeders of carelessness in driving. With no road rules other than custom for their guidance, drivers and chauffeurs grow negligent of the rights of other persons who may be utilizing the thoroughfare, with the result that distressing accidents occur only too often. It is surprising to note the instances of bicyclists and foot travelers being run down by ill-considered turns on the part of the drivers of teams and automobiles, and ruined equipages due to collisions caused by improper approaches to curves and corners, which could be easily avoided if proper road rules were imposed and enforced."

"Would you impose on Washington drivers the strict regulations that are in force in large cities, such as New York?" was the listener's query.

"By no means," was Mr. Eno's answer. "Washington is not a place where it would be necessary to establish policemen at every crossing. In fact, there would be no need of placing but few officers in the center of the roadway, and, furthermore, with the imposition of the strict ordinance I have in mind, it would be necessary to take away from a man to the police force of the Capital."

"How would you expect to enforce the regulations?"

"Easy enough," was Mr. Eno's rejoinder. "Just educate the drivers and you would soon find that they took care of the regulations themselves. No class of employees in the world takes greater pride in holding on to the properties and observing them than the members of passenger equipages and automobiles, and it is an observable fact that they frown down and even reprimand persons working badly on the streets. They are particular in their observances, being good drivers with a copy of simply devised traffic rules, and I am satisfied that you will soon find a large number of policemen unnecessary in seeing that the rules are enforced. Every driver, as a rule, takes pride in good behavior while on a city's streets with his vehicle. Of course, the handlers of trademen's teams are less particular in their observances, but good example, possibly followed by darts from a sharp tongue, soon bring them to time."

In response to the query as to whether he considered it necessary for a halt of traffic at intervals at certain busy crossings in Washington, Mr. Eno replied that he believed what is known as "regulatory rules" would serve the purpose at every corner in the city, no matter how busy or at what time of day.

"It is a comparatively easy accomplishment for any vehicle or dray to make its way forward at any crossing in the city without danger to pedestrians or passing wheel transportation," he said.

"Given proper instructions as to following a regulation course in swinging from one street into another, and also knowing the correct side of a vehicle to swing to a stop in stopping, you will find that drivers will move few difficult. There is no need to hold up a line of wagons and carriages here as there is in New York."

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REFERENCE FOUND TO SIGEL MURDER

Letters Taken in Opium Raid
May Carry Secrets.

New York, Jan. 29.—Still more correspondence bearing on the opium trade and other operations of undesirable Chinese in this country was unearthed in the last series of opium raids by customs officials when Wuh Lee's place in West Twenty-eighth street, Chong's, in Seventh avenue, and Sing Lee's, East 12d street, received the attentions of Federal officers yesterday.

This matter of correspondence is developing into one of the more interesting concomitants of the opium raid campaign.

At the time of the first raids last Wednesday it was announced that a batch of letters and other papers had been found, seeming to show a well-arranged system of retelling the drug in this country, and also getting Chinamen themselves past the United States officials at the border. Further, it was announced that the Chinese syndicate or system or whatever one chooses to call it appeared from the correspondence to have excellent connections in the way of police friendship in several of the large cities in the United States.

This correspondence is written partly in English and partly in Chinese; the letters in the latter language, it is understood, are likely to prove to be of even more interest than those in the former. The Chinese documents found in the earlier raids have been turned over to an interpreter of the customs house, and when they have been translated, will be turned over by Collector Loeb to the United States district attorney.

Collector Loeb said to-day that he did not know whether the police alliance apparently revealed by the letters implicated any one in the New York department or not, and Deputy Surveyor Norwood also was uninformed on this point. There has been a rumor around the customs house that the police friends of the Chinese importers of other Chinese and of opium would be found not to be confined to other and more distant cities.

One thing which the customs officials have found in the correspondence is mention of the Elsie Sigel murder. Just what value the information on this murder case will prove to have for the police cannot be known, the customs officials say, until the interpreter has done his work.

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